

WHERE IS DEGAN?

The Entire City Searched,
But He is Not in It.

HIS BONDSMEN A LITTLE ANXIOUS

The Rapidity With Which a Jury
Found Dillwood Guilty Asserted
to Be the Cause.

The question which appears at the head of this column was numerously asked yesterday and the day before, as well as the day before that, but the answer to it was not forthcoming, for simply the echo responded "Where?" Deegan was wanted by the superior court. That is, he was before the judge once and the jury found him guilty of grand larceny, in that he had assisted in the stealing of a calf from Bart Simons, near Selma.

A motion for a new trial was granted upon the showing that one of the jury men was drunk, a fact which the jurymen himself admitted and even swore to on the stand. Pending a new trial Deegan was admitted to bail, and having succeeded in securing bondsmen he enjoyed his liberty since the new trial was granted.

Recently O. H. Dillwood, otherwise known as "Doc" Dillwood, was tried on the charge of grand larceny, and the jury promptly found him guilty. The present trial for a new trial was denied, and he was sentenced to three years in San Quentin. He has, however, been admitted to bail pending an appeal.

The proceedings which Dillwood was put through the legal mill seems to have prompted Deegan's bondsmen, and have expressed a desire to give him up. But they can't do it, for the simple reason that he is not to be found for his purpose.

About the time of the sentencing of Dillwood Deegan departed. Rumor had it that he went to Stockton, and a telegram to that city states that he left there some ten or twelve days ago for San Francisco. This move may mean a trip to the Sandwich Islands to get away for a time. It is possible that Deegan is simply traveling for his health, but he would escape several months of confinement to that effect before leaving.

PROSPEROUS REEDLEY.

Rapid Progress Being Made in the
Country About.

REEDLEY, December 22.—Reedley is improving. A two-story brick store, probably a hundred feet deep, is up, and the mechanics will soon have it enclosed. A new store on the opposite side of the street will soon be ready for occupation. An immense barn, sheds and livery and food stores is about ready for business. A lumber yard and sheds are now for the first time being filled with lumber. The present indication is that soon an immense amount of lumber will be piled in the yard. A new school house, probably the most elegant one in the county, outside of the city, is now under construction. The present owners of land just west of Smith's mountain was sold a few days ago a mountain of lumber, to a San Francisco syndicate, for raising culture. It is in the hands of the city.

Another large tract, a few miles north of Reedley, has been purchased by another syndicate, for raising culture. It is in the hands of the city.

Twenty and ten acre lots for like purposes are selling rapidly.

Last winter people thought the grapes enticed planted were numerous, but the present indication is that there will not be vines enough to supply the demand for planting.

Those who desire to get ten or twenty acres and live year after year on reasonable terms of interest, with no down payment, can be accommodated. In some cases the interest, rather than the principal, is preferred.

We are soon to have through trains from Fresno to Los Angeles, and many new houses are now building.

O. L. ABBOTT.

Reedley, Fresno County, Cal.

DANGEROUS IDLE TALK.

Drunkard C. Nelson Imagines He
Has Killed His Wife.

On Sunday morning C. Nelson, the Easton painter, wandered into a saloon and vouchsafed the information that he had killed his wife. He was a long distance beyond the line of decent sobriety, but detailed the entire facts of the visit to the place, the killing, and the leaving of the little child alone in bed.

Nelson has been addicted to heavy drinking for some time past and some six or eight months ago he wandered away from home and was lost until he sobered up and returned. Recently his drunkenness has been so bad that he has been unable to take care of his family, and he has been a burden to his wife, unable longer to endure it, bore a suit for a divorce, on the grounds of habitual intemperance.

After he had told and told his story, for some minutes he was complaining and sobbing, and then he was called upon to plead to a charge of disturbing the peace and was arrested. An officer thinking there went to be some truth in his assertion went to the place. He found Mrs. Nelson in good health and Nelson had not been there for several days.

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INFORMATIONS FILED.

Four More Criminals to Be Brought
Before the Superior Court.

The district attorney yesterday filed four informations against criminals who have been held to answer by the justice of the peace.

William G. Lane is accused of murdering William W. Canfield on the evening of November 14th at Sanger.

William Francis, a colored man, is accused of assault with a deadly weapon in that he drew a razor in a difficulty with another negro named W. E. Brown on last Monday evening.

James Ryan, who, on the 7th of December, entered the residence of J. O. Baker and stole considerable silverware and other valuables, is accused of burglary.

John Wilson is charged with embezzlement, committed on the 18th of December. The crime was committed in township No. 1. Wilson had taken a horse belonging to James H. Black for the purpose of going to the store to procure provisions. A letter of procuring the horse was written by the animal and was about to leave the country when he was arrested. He was held to answer by Justice John Charles.

JUDGE CAMPBELL'S COURT.

John Reynolds to Testify in the
Williams Case.

In department No. 2 of the superior court yesterday morning John Reynolds was called upon. Reynolds is one of the men whom the prosecution need in the case of the people against J. E. Williams, and had asked that he be put under bonds to be present at the time of trial. When brought into court Reynolds was asked to testify in the Williams case.

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F. E. Fuller Adjudged by Judge
Campbell.

Monday morning Judge Campbell and the insane commissioners were called upon to inquire into the sanity of F. E. Fuller, a man of about 82 years, who has resided near Madras. His insanity took the form of religious fanaticism and he believed himself the recipient of revelations direct from God. He was first attacked on last Thursday, when he walked into the house of Mrs. House and asked to be admitted. The next day he returned, still worse, and has not improved a bit since then. On Saturday he was very bad, and three or four men kept watch over him. Sunday he was brought in by the city of Fowler. W. Root, R. F. Noble and T. E. Root.

After receiving the report of the doctors the judge committed him insane and signed his commitment to the asylum at Stockton, whether he will be taken to day.

SEEKS DISSOLUTION.

A Suit Begun in the Superior Court
Between Partners.

A. E. Way Saturday began a suit against T. P. Lloyd to dissolve the partnership existing between them since the 20th day of October of this year. The plaintiff asserts that the two entered into partnership in the fruit-growing and rain-making business, on the land of plaintiff, in the southwest quarter of section 17, township 14 south, range 21 east. Way asserts that Lloyd was to pay \$2500 for a half interest in the land, and thereafter they were to work together and share the profits and losses, since the first, however, Lloyd has been more willing to share the latter than the former, and neither works nor pays, all of which is contrary to the liking of Way.

PRUNE ORCHARDS.

San Jose Fruit Men Invest in San
Joaquin Valley Lands.

Mr. F. Comings, the prominent fruit-grower of San Jose, has come to the conclusion that the lands in the San Joaquin valley, especially when not too far distant from the foothills, are very adapted to the prune than the Santa Clara valley. He has just bought 100 acres near Kaweah, on the Porterville branch railroad, and will cut out the prune tract in prunes. Other San Jose men have been buying land in the Fresno and Tulare counties and will plant large prune orchards.

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